(c) whether Government propose to upgrade the existing Indian Standards to the ISO-9000 parameters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The responsibility for operation of Quality System Certification Scheme has already been assigned to the Bureau of Indian Standards.

(c) BIS has adopted the ISO-9000 series of standards as IS 14000 series and the two series of standards are identical in all respects.

Poor State of Public Distribution Systems

3263. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Public Distribution Shops opened during each of the last three years State-Wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the inferior quality of commodities is being supplied to public through the Public Distribution System;

(c) what are the details of complaints received so fair by Government during the year 1992-93 in this regard;

(d) what action Government have taken on these complaints; and

(e) what steps Government propose *to* take to strengthen the consumers movement ?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) The number of fair price shops open~ ed in the country during the last three years namely, 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 are given in enclosed statement. *(See* below).

(b) The Food Corporation of India, which is responsible for procurement, storage and transportation of foodgrains for making available to the State Govern ments, issues food-grains of standards laid down by them and within the specifications prescribed in Prevention of Food Adulte ration Act (PFA Act). State Governments or its nominees are given opportunity to inspect and reject the foodgrains if the lot does not conform to the specified standards. Samples are generally drawn and given to the State Government's nominees for display at the godowns/fair price shops.

(c) to (e) Serious complaints regarding quality of grains have .not been received from the State Governments by the Cent ra! Government. Consumer complaints regarding quality of foodgrains are attend ed to by the State Governments at various levels for suitable redressal. The Central Government in consultation with the other agencies involved in the implementation of PDS are regularly monitoring the supply and availability of PDS items. State Gov ernments have been delegated powers under the Essential Commodities Act and officers of the State Governments regularly check and make surprise visits to the fair price shops to supervise the supply and distribution of PDS items, including food grains, to the consumers. The State Gov ernments have been advised to set up Vigilance Committees of consumers at village/fair price shop level by involving local consumers, voluntary and women organisations and others for monitoring the supply and distribution of commodi ties to the consumers.

Statement

Number of Fair Price Shops opened in the country in 1989-90, 1990-91 *and* 1991-92.

Code No.	Name of the State/U.T.	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
01.	Andhra Pradesh	285	277	1381
02.	Arunachal Pradesh	36	50	87
03.	Assam	NR	NIL	NR
04.	Bihar	20	131	388
05.	Gujarat	NIL	NIL	548
06.	Goa	13	16	8
07.	Haryana	NIL	NIL	NIL
08.	Himachal Pradesh	80	40	90
09.	Jammu & Kashmir	97	16	18
10.	Karnataka	327	214	648
11.	Kerala	NIL	NIL	63
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1764	677	371
13.	Maharashtra	669	726	762
14.	Manipur	11	33	NIL
15.	Meghalaya	NIL	NIL	NIL
16.	Mizoram	13	28	50
17.	Nagaland	NR	NIL	NIL
18.	Orissa	32	808	570
19.	Punjab	NIL	553	782
20.	Rajasthan	229	NIL	841
21.	Sikkim	24	40	28
22.	Tamil Nadu	NIL	NIL	NIL
23.	Tripura	20	40	69
24.	Uttar Pradesh	8148	16572	3227
25.	West Bengal	41	NIL	NIL
26.	A & N Islands	23	NIL	8
27.	Chandigarh	35	13	18
28.	D & N. Haveli	1	2	NIL
29.	Delhi	176	70	36
30.	Daman & Diu	2	3	1
31.	Lakshadweep	3	NIL	NIL
32.	Pondicherry	30	11	NIL
	TOTAL	12079	20320	10252

गुजरात में उपभोक्ता सहकारी संस्थाएं

@3264. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा** : क्या **नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1991-92 और 1992-93 के दौरान गुजरात के शहरी क्षेत्रों में स्थापित किए गए उपभोक्ता सहकारी संस्थाओं की संख्या कितनी है;

(ख) क्या इन सहकारी संस्थाओं के कार्य करण हेतु कोई शहरी वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान की जा रही है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

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